WILD RUNAWAY IN FIFTH AVE.

MRS. OELSNER THROWN OUT AND PAINFULLY HURT.

Meler, in Victoria With Her, Helps Driver to Check Horse and Saves Herself Thereby - Coachman Seriou ly Inent by Fall After Smash Into Hansom

Fifth avenue, from the park plaza to Fiftyburth street, was the scene of a thrilling runaway yesterday afternoon. A big bay horse drawing the frail victoria of Mrs. Rudolph Oelsner, wife of the beer importer. tore down the avenue like a cavalry charger. The carriage came to grief just outside of the Hotel St. Regis, at Fifty-fifth street, where it smashed into an electric hansom. Mrs. Oelsner was thrown out and painfully pjured. In addition to severe bruises and shock she sustained a fractured right elbow. Mrs. Oelsner's coachman, Hans Kruse, was whirled from the seat by the force of the smashup, got his right arm broken and

emoval to the German Hospital. In the victoria with Mrs. Oelsner was Mrs. Meier, wife of Dr. George C. H. Meier of 208 West 141st street. She climbed from her seat to the back of the driver's high sent in front and tried to assist him in checking the runaway horse. The rear half of the victoria, where Mrs. Oelsner sat and held on to the side as best she could, was ripped away and tossed over to the sidewalk on the Fifth avenue side of the University Club and Mrs. Oelsner landed in the street among the débris. Mrs. Meier escaped injury.

suffered other injuries that necessitated his

The runaway was a hair raiser. The big hav horse, that has drawn the Oelsner carriage for a number of years, seemed to be in his ordinary good spirits as he trotted away from the Oelsner residence at 135 West Seventy-second street early in the afternoon. The two women had the coachman drive them through the park for some time, and then they headed south on the East Drive, Mrs. Oelsner and Mrs. Meier having decided to call on friends living south of Fifty-ninth.

At Sixtieth street and the East Drive, or rather, just at the head of the plaza, the two women decided that the day was so fine that they would postpone their calling and continue driving through the park. Coachman Kruse was ordered to turn about and doing so when a big automobile came honking up sehind the vehicle, the horse lost his temper. He balked and wheeled about in a nervous manner for a time, then bolted south and shot across the plaza. The horse just missed a crosstow surface car as he cleared

missed a crossrow surrace car as he cleared fifty-ninth street and headed south on fifth avenue at a terrific gait.

The sight of Mrs. Meier standing up in a victoria and clutching the reins of a runaway horse along with the driver was enough tostartle the avenue, crowded as it is at that hour. Both women were screaming and Kruse was probably making as much noise as both of them. The runaway escaped a half dozen collisions with vehicles during the dash. Rigs were turned abruptly into side streets and even up on sidewalks in some cases There were so many vehicles on the avenue that some drivers didn't see the runaway until it was right on top of them.

Approaching Fifty-fifth street the runasy did slam into a hansom with no dis-astrous results worth mentioning. The bay horse veered to the right and when half way between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-fourth streets crashed into the rear of a New York Transportation Company electric cab driven by Joseph White The forward part of the victoria escaped contact with the heavy cab, but the rear end of the light vehicle hit it with great force.

Coachman Kruse bounced off the seat. He narrowly escaped being trampled under the hoofs of an approaching horse. Mrs. Meier stuck to the reins and succeeded in checking the horse so that Policeman Cooney of the East Fifty-first street station and a f cabbies from the St. Regis and hotels got a grip on the animal's Policeman Cooney called an ambulance from Flower Hospital, but Mrs. Oelsner refused treatment. She was bundled into a cab by Mrs. Meier and the two started in search of a physician in the neighborhood. They visited the homes of several, but found

Then the two women ordered the cabman o hurry to the Oelsner home and Dr. E. Castelli, who lives on the block, was called in. He summoned other physicians and Mrs. Oelsner, who was in a great state of pervousness, was attended by them. The fracture of her elbow was found to be bad, but the physicians said later in the night that her condition was not to be considered serious. Mr. Oelsner, who arrived home serious. Mr. Oelsner, who arrived home from his place of business just about the same time his wife arrived, was much

same time his wife arrived, was much startled by the occurrence.

Mrs. Meier recovered her composure quickly and told about the accident. She said that she considered both herself and Mrs. Oelsner very fortunate in escaping with their lives. During that wild dash down the avenue, Mrs. Meier said, she expected fully that any minute all would be hurled under the other vehicles and killed.

Caschman Kruse was brought to the Coachman Kruse was brought to the Delsner home in a cab after his horse had

been taken care of in a stable near the scene of the accident. The doctors at the house found that Kruse was quite seriously injured. His right arm was badly broken and it is feared that he may have been injured internally. KISSING UNDER AN UMBRELLA.

four Heads in a Bunch-Women Let Go. Men Fined \$5 Each.

Anna Emory and Emily Pierson, who said they were telephone operators in the Waldorf-Astoria, were in the Yorkville police court yesterday for kissing under an umbrella in the thunderstorm on Tuesday night. There were four heads under the umbrella, the others belonging to William Byrne, a porter in the Hotel Im-perial, and Thomas Farrell, a porter in the Waldorf-Astoria. The men were arraigned ith the women.

Policeman Hand said he saw the four at Policeman Hand said he saw the Third avenue and Twenty-ninth street, and heard a series of soft reports like the popular of champagne corks. When he popping of champagne corks. When he took a look under the umbrella there were four heads under it.

"I told them to quit that and go home quietly. One of the porters said I must be jealous and he kept right on kissing," the policeman said to Magistrate Cornell.

The four walked down Twenty-ninth street, the policeman following at a short distance to discourage any further certical reports. Near the rectory of St. Stephen's Church the four again stopped, but popping proceeded. One of the clergymen connected with the church came along just then and added his remonstrance to that of the policeman. He recognized Byrne as one of his parishioners and told him that as a married man he should not be kissing under an umbrella in his wife's

The porters resented the interference of the policeman and after a wrangle the four Magistrate discharged the women and fined the men \$5 each.

GRAFT IN \$3 INSTALMENTS.

Saloon keeper Says He Denounced Plain Clothes Cop Hynes Before Other Cops. The trial of Michael J. Hynes, a plain clothes cop, for grafting was continued Yesterday in the County Court, Brooklyn. Nathan Wassenberger, a seloon keeper of Myrite and Hudson avenues, was the com-plaining witness. He said Hynes and an-other sleuth used to call for and get money in 35 instalments. Finally he refused to give up more and denounced Hynes as a thief in the presence of other cops. The trial was stopped in the afternoon a enable the jury to go out and inspect

the scloon keeper's place. PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DATS. PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to oure any as of liching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles a to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.—Adv.

CHAUFFEUR'S MANY COUNSEL. His Boss, Ex-Judge Van Wyck, Heads the

List and Gets Excited. William Latter, an English chauffeur, was arraigned in the Tombs police court yesterday on charges of having obstructed traffic and not having had his chauffeur's adge properly pinned to his coat lapel. He had a great array of counsel. Former Supreme Court Justice Augustus Van Wyck, once a Democratic candidate for Governor in this State, was counsel in chief; his son William was his second. while Lawyer Frederick Durgan on the back line gave suggestions from time to

Latter is the judge's chauffeur. Mrs. Van Wyck was in the car and had to go home in a cab after the driver was locked up. The former justice was very angry.

First the ex-justice called the Court's attention to the fact that his chauffeur was just five feet tall and weighed less than 120 pounds.

"And this policeman, as your Honor can see, is not less than six feet two and surely weighs not less than a hundred pounds more than my man," said the lawyer.
"That Latter could have attempted to get away and to have attacked this giant, as he charges, is I submit absurd."
"Well, that's just what he did your Honor."

"well, that's just what he did your Honor," said Policeman Brooks Eulager, the cop who arrested the judge's driver. "He was the most impertinent midget I ever took off an automobile. He would not stop when I told him, declared that I would be dismissed off the force, and that the 'judge' would fix me. I did not know, of course, that he worked for Judge Van Wyck. But I don't mind saving it would have made I don't mind saying it would have made no difference had I known."

The Magistrate said he would postpone the Magistrate said he would positione the case until this morning, as he would like to get the sergeants, who registered Latter at both the City Hall substation and in Oak street, to tell how the man had acted.

The party then left the bridge and were

passing through the outer door of the court room, when Mr. Van Wyck turned on his eel and almost ran back to the Magistrate.
"It's an outrage," protested the ex-Jus-ice. "This roundsman right inside this

court, near the door there, called my man the damnedest liar he's ever heard."

"It's not true." shouted the roundsman.
"Latter's a liar if he says I said it,"

"I did not see or hear anything, so I can't do anything," said Magistrate Barlow.

"But it shows the animus," said William Van Wyck

'Next case," called Magistrate Barlow.

CHAIRMAN WOODRUFF BACK. O. H. P. Belmont Repeats That the Duches

of Marlborough Isn't Coming. Timothy L. Woodruff, who returned yesterday aboard the North German Lloyd steamship Kronprinz Wilhelm from a six weeks vacation in France and Italy, was greeted at the pier by Naval Officer Kracke, Jacob Brenner and others of the Republican organization of Kings county. He said that in a few days he would resume work as chairman of the Republican county committee. He spent a few days at Monte Carlo and declares that he found there that it was a wrong impression that Americans were the best patrons of gambling. Nearly all the Americans he saw kept away from the Casino, enjoying themselves in the open air. Italians and Frenchmen Mr.

open air. Italians and Frenchmen, Mr. Woodruff noted, appeared to be the chief gamblers.

O. H. P. Belmont, who was also a passenger by the Kronprinz Wilhelm, said his stepdaughter, the Duchess of Mariborough, at present had no intention of returning to America, and that she would live with her mother, and children on the Riviers for some mother and children on the Riviera for some

time.

Other passengers were Mrs. Charlemagne
Tower, R. Aronson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D.
Hoxie, Nelson Shaughnessy and Samuel

Erlanger.
Aboard the Hamburg-American liner
Amerika, which sails to-day for Plymouth,
Cherbourg and Hamburg, will be: Cherbourg and Hamburg, will be:
Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Stone, Edward H. Sothern, Mrs. Charles Van Brunt,
C. A. Sherman, Horace G. Knowles, American
Minister to Rumania; H. Maitland Kersey,
Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kountze, Mr. and Mrs. G.
Howland Leavitt, Luis G. Breier, Baron von
Ende, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hirsch, Mr. and
Mrs. James B. Regan, Mahlon C. Martin,
Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. Archer Millet. Sailing by the French liner La Touraine,

J. D. Richard, George Sutton, Viscountess de la Touchais, Henry Brett and the Rev. Jemel Martyr.

WHISKEY IS STRONG HERE. Charles Crowe, Blacksmith, Finds Three

Glasses Worse Than at Home. Charles Crowe, a Herkimer county blackmith made his first visit to this city Tuesday. When he reached the Yorkville police court vesterday he said he remembered taking three drinks of whiskey with some men in a saloon. He could remember nothing after that until he woke up in the station yesterday morning and found all his money gone. He thought some one had tampered with the whiskey, as he could stand more than three drinks up home.

Policeman Cornelius McCarthy of the
Essex Market police court squad was in
court with his wife and two daughters. Gercourt with his wife and two daughters. Ger-trude, the younger, made a charge of dis-orderly conduct against the blacksmith. Her father wanted the complaint to be one of attempted kidnapping. He said the up-State man had seized his daughter while she was walking on East Fourteenth street with her mother and sister and wanted to take her away

Magistrate Cornell entertained the lesser complaint and fined the man \$10, which he was unable to pay.

THE WIND IN PRANKSOME MOOD. Burgiar Scares in Two Houses the Result of His Playfulness.

The wind played pranks in two houses yesterday morning which got squads of reserves out in a hurry in quest of supposed burglars. Mrs. Susan F. Bissell of 127 West Seventy-eighth street was positive she heard burglars trying to open a window on the third floor. She called up

Police Headquartens.
"Burglars in the house," she told the ser-The operator communicated with geant. The operator communicated with the West Sixty-eighth street station and had the reserves turned out. While the bluecoats were searching through the house, from cellar to roof, Mrs. Bissell heard the burglars again. The cops on the job dis-covered that it was the wind playing with

Dr. Samuel Rapp, at 134 East Seventy-ninth street, called up Headquarters and had the reserves of the East Eighty-eighth and the East Sixty-seventh street stations hurried to the house. After a long search for burglars one of the bluecoats found that the wind had tangled the wires and caused the burglar alarm to go off.

BAIL FOR DAVIDGE.

Man Accused of Shooting Nurse Will Be Able to Attend His Mother's Funeral.

Magistrate O'Reilly of Brooklyn decided yesterday to release on \$3,000 ban wiman T. J. Davidge, who is accused of having shot Rosalie D. Wilbert, a trained nurse, on Saturday night. The Magistrate was in-formed by the physicians at the Swedish Hospital, where Miss Wilbert is under treatyesterday to release on \$3,000 bail William ment, that she was out of danger. The relatives of the young man wanted him released so he might attend to-day the funeral of his mother, Margaret Harriet Davidge, who died suddenly on Monday night.

Negro Woman Held for Examination. Mary Smith, a negro woman arrested Tuesday night, charged with complicity Tuesday night, charged with complicity in the robbery of Dr. Bernard Lazarus of 20 West Sixty-fifth street, was held yesterday in the West Side court for examination to-day. It was said that she asked the doctor to attend her baby and led him into a hallway at 333 West Fifty-ninth street, where he was robbed. Magistrate Crane set \$1,000 bail. The woman denied the charge.

HEATING A POKER FOR AHEARN

MAYOR'S INVESTIGATION PROM-ISES TO BE DISAGREEABLE.

Borough President Did Not Take the Hint to Line Up Against Murphy and the Pavements of Manhattan Are in an Atroclous Condition at Present.

Borough President Ahearn has so far refused to line up with Mayor McClellan in the fight that the Mayor is making to oust Charles F. Murphy from the leadership of Tammany Hall and the Corporation Counsel is to make a public investigation of Mr. Ahearn's office. He has engaged John Purroy Mitchell as special counsel and Marvin H. Scudder, the expert accountant who was associated with Gov. Hughes in the insurance investigation. The experts of the Citizens' Union are working in cooperation with Mr. Ellison's men. For a month past they have been examining every book and document in the Borough President's office and the department under his jursidiction, and while Mr. Ellison will not permit himself to say if any discoveries of importance have been made it is known that he will be in a position to make the investigation ex-

tremely disagreeable for Mr. Ahearn. Mayor McClellan is also rubbing it in further by putting upon Mr. Ahearn the responsibility for the bad condition of the pavements. On March 19 the Mayor wrote to the Corporation Counsel: "I beg to call your attention to the atrocious condition of the pavements of Manhattan borough, and I ask to be advised as to where the responsibility therefor rests and what remedies are available."

Mr. Ellison promptly replied yesterday that the fault was Ahearn's. Mr. Ellison added that as the Borough President can be removed by the Governor only the be removed by the Governor only the Mayor was powerless to put an end to the "intolerable situation" which permitted the streets to remain unrepaired. Mr. Ellison

The responsibility for the condition of the streets and roads and particularly of pavements in the borough rests upon the Borough President. It is he who determines whether the pavements are in proper condition, and the duty of putting them in such condition rests

Coming particularly to the subject of the asphalt pavements, it is obviously the duty of the Borough President to see that the conracting companies are compelled to keep the pavements in repair according to the terms of their contracts; it is his duty under them to notify the contractors to remedy the defects. and if they do not do so it is the duty of the Borough Presiden: himself to do the work and to charge the expense to the contractors. The city is, no doubt, in many cases still in possession of moneys which it has retained in order to compel the contractor to comply with the terms of his contract. Furthermore, all the contractors are under bonds, generally executed by surety companies, for the faithful performance of their contracts. It is clear, therefore, that as to all defects in pavements of the class just referred to there is ample power in the Borough President to compel the contractors to do the work of keeping the pavements in order for the period specified in he particular contract, under the penalty of having it done at their expense by the city.

Mr. Ellison also pointed out that in the making up of the budget for this year Mr. obtained an appropriation of \$654,507 for paving repairs and renewals. TRYING TO IMPROVE MURPHY AND DONORUE

The Sinking Fund Commission approved yesterday the plans which have been prepared by Dock Commissioner Bensel for improvements on the Hudson River waterfront, which will mean the taking from Charles F. Murphy of the last pier left to him by the administration and the wiping out of the profitable bathhouse plant owned by Philip F. Donobus tressurer of Tamby Philip F. Donohue, treasurer of Tammany Hall and friend of Murphy, at the foot of West 151st street. The last of the Murphy piers is at Ninety-sixth street. It is proposed by Commissioner Bensel to build new wharves between Ninety-fourth and Ninety-eighth streets, and to carry out his purpose it would be necessary to revoke the lease granted to Mr. Murphy in the Van

the lease granted to Mr. Murphy in the Van Wyck Administration.
It appears, however, that there is some doubt if the Murphy company can be ousted before the expiration of its lease. Mr. Bensel admitted yesterday that there was a question whether the lease could be terminated for the reason that the Ninety-sixth street pier was built in accordance with the general plan of waterfront imwith the general plan of waterfront improvement which the commission is now approving piecemeal. The other leases held by the Murphy company would be revoked because those piers were old ones, not constructed in accordance with the not constructed in accordance with the general improvement plan, and the leases contained clauses permitting their revocation whenever the city decided to begin the improvements. The new plan may possibly serve as a means to cancel the lease.

lease. Phil Donohue, through Howard S. Gans, his counsel, protested that there was no necessity for the proposed improvement; that the improvement would be useless because of the steep grade of the streets leading to the river, and that, therefore, the expenditure of public money upon the new piers at that point would be wasteful and extravagant. It was stated after the and extravagant. It was stated after the meeting that Donohue will begin injunction

PITTSBURG BID THE LOWEST. Maybe Tim Sullivan Will Have an Interest In Aqueduct Contract.

The award for the construction of a section of the new aqueduct about ten miles in length extending north from Hill View reservoir, in Westchester county, will probably go to the Thomas McNally Company of Pittsburg, the lowest bidder. This firm offered to build the section for \$4,126,423. McArthur Bros., New York city, bid \$4,366,335; Thomas E. Crimmins Constructing Company, New York city, \$5,447,470; T. A. Gillespie, \$5,644,495; Naughton & Co., New York city, \$5,653,577; Cranford & Co., New York city, \$5,653,577; Cranford & Co., Brooklyn, \$5,681,762; Michael J. Dady, Brooklyn, \$6,035,530, and Patrick McGovern & Co. of Boston, \$6,149,408.

The Board of Water Supply before giving the contract to the McNally Company will inquire into the financial standing of the form and the extent of its plant will inquire into the financial standing of the firm and the extent of its plant. If the investigation is satisfactory the

company will get the contract.

The members of the board said yesterday that they had no knowledge as to the truth or otherwise of a report that Big Tim Sullivan is interested in the McNally Company. They intimated, however, that wouldn't make any difference either

NO BAIL FOR JEWELRY THIEVES. Uncle Sam Takes Charge of Them Pending

Extradition. Arthur Preston Green and Charles Rohrer, arrested here for jewelry thefts in London, were turned over yesterday to the United States authorities and taken before Commissioner Shields on a warrant issued on omplaint of Sir Percy Sanderson, British

Consul-General here.
In one of the affidavits made by Sir Percy

In one of the affidavits made by Sir Percy Green is charged with the larceny on February 25 last from the London shop of Tiffany & Co., at 221 Regent street, of jewelry valued at £294. The following day, February 26, according to the other affidavit, Green and Rohrer got away with jewels worth £566 from London & Ryder's shop at 17 New Bond street.

Rohrer and Green were held for examination on April 13. As is customary in extradition cases bail was refused.

Chief of Detectives O'Brien of Chicago yesterday telegraphed to Inspector McLaughlin that Green and Rohrer are wanted in Chicago for the larceny of a \$1,200 diamond ring. Chief O'Brien stated that the two crooks went into the jewelry establishment of Spalding & Co., a week or so before they sailed for the other side and "hoisted" the ring by working the pennyweight game pennyweight game

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CAPTAIN BORROWED FROM HER

MISS CHARLOTTE E. TERRY SUES ALEXANDER BIANCHI.

She knew Him Because He Married an Amherst Friend of Hers and She Says He Has Owed Her \$3,000 for Two Years-A Final Borrow of \$600

Capt. Alexander Bianchi, who says he earned his military title in the Russian army, has been sued by Miss Charlotte E. Terry of 11 East Forty-fourth street to recover moneys lent to him. Miss Terry got an order of arrest but refrained from serving it.

According to Miss Terry's affidavit, on she first made the acquanitance of the Captain three years ago. She met him through his marriage with Miss Martha Gilbert Dickinson of Amherst, Mass., with whom and her family Miss Terry has been intimate. On the strength of this acquaintance, she says, Bianchi borrowed from her, about June, 1905, \$3,500 in two loans of \$2,000 and \$1,500 respectively.

He paid her back the odd \$500 and gave on the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, payable at the bank's Nice branch. Miss Terry put the check through her bank and it came back dishonored. The \$3,000 is still unpaid.

The next financial transaction between the Captain and Miss Terry occurred on February 11 last. He called at her home and explained that he was badly in need of a loan of \$600 to enable him to put through a transaction that would enable him to pay her back all he owed with interest.

The transaction related to an automobile which Capt. Bianchi said he owned, and was importing to sell to James W. Allison, president of the James W. Allison Construction Company of Philadelphia. The auto, he assured her, had arrived and was lying in bond with the United States customs authorities, waiting until some \$600 duty should

thorities, waiting until some sow duty should be paid on it.

His inability to pay this duty at the moment, said the captain, was most unfortunate, as Mr. Allison was very anxious to buy the automobile, and had agreed to pay \$5,000 cash for it. If Miss Terry would help him out with the customs payment he would pay her back all that he owed and more. pay her back all that he owed and more.

Miss Terry did advance the \$600, she says. and in return received from Bianchi a ter day promissory note for the amount. The note was drawn by Bianchi, but made payable to Martha Gilbert Dickinson Bianchi. It was indorsed in blank with the name Martha Gilbert Dickinson Bianchi. Before the note fell due Bianchi called again or Miss Terry, and gave her a check for \$675. which he drew in her presence on the First National Bank of Amherst. The \$75, he ex-plained, was an evidence of his gratitude for Miss Terry's kindness. Then he displayed to her two notes for \$2,000 each, one pay able at sixty days and the other at ninety Both purported to be drawn by the James W. Allison Construction Company, payable to James W. Allison at the company's offices in Philadelphia. They were also indorsed in blank with the name James W. Allison. Capt. Blanchi suggested to Miss Terry that he would like to have the notes discounted so that he could pay her all he owed her out of the proceeds. When she

expressed her satisfaction with this idea he suggested further that it might be well for her to get the notes discounted for him through her bank, the New Amsterdam National. She demurred, but said that if he would leave her a memorandum of the notes she would consult her bankers. Bianchi left the memorandum, but mean while the check and the note for \$600 were returned, the note protested and the check dishonored. Miss Terry then made some inquiries in Philadelphia, with the result that she got an affidavit from James W. Allison which she submitted to the court. In this affidavit Allison declares that he never gave Bianchi any notes such as Miss Terry describes, never promised to pay \$8,000 or any other sum for an automobile, and in fact had no financial transactions of any such kind with Bianchi. On learning this Miss Terry decided to consult her lawyers, and Lawyer Leon examined the Linited States customs records with the United States customs records with the result, as he states, of discovering that no such importation as Bianchi had described had occurred. Miss Terry then swore to the complaint in her suit to recover the \$600, which she alleges Bianchi obtained from her through false and fraudulent representations.

Lillian Russell's House for Sale. Three Fifth avenue real estate firms are advertising for sale Lillian Russell's three story brick house at 161 West Fifty-seventh street. Miss Russell bought it from Mrs. street. Miss Russell bought it from Mrs. Mary A. Fruitnight for \$60,000 on April 1, 1903, and has since lived there while in New York. When "Barbara's Millions" failed last fall and Miss Russell started West with "The Butterfly" she announced that she guessed she'd sell her home. "The Butterfly" is now in Missouri. A price of \$70,000 is set on the house.

more in it for him.

THE FOUR DAY LINER. She'll Be Propelled by Gas Engines and Will

Come Soon, Says Lewis Nixon.

Lewis Nixon said yesterday that when he mentioned at the dinner given on Tuesday night at Tottenville, Staten Island, to talk over the possibilities of the island as a manufacturing centre, he was contemplating building a vessel that would cross the Atlantic in four days at from thirty to thirty-three knots continuous speed, he inadvertently revealed something of a secret in shipping circles. Mr. Nixon confirmed the statement yesterday by saying that the plans are practically finished for a torpedo boat destroyer of

only 625 tons with 12,000 horse-power that will be able to keep at top speed of thirty knots across the ocean. The influences which Justice Greenbaum signed the order, that are behind the construction of this boat are such that there is little doubt it will be under way in a few weeks. Mr. Nixon said he meant to convey that the four day boat at last had become feasible through improvements that have been made within three years in gas engines

Mr. Nixon is president of the Standard Motor Company, which has its plant in Jersey City, and which has begun to erect a large plant at Tottenville to take care of her a check on account of the balance. The check was for 11,150 francs, and was drawn that gas is bound to replace steam as a motor power in ships and that the plan of those who are behind him is to demon-strate positively through the construction of the torpedo boat destroyer whose plans have just reached the finishing stage that not only is a four day boat feasible but that gas as a motor power is applicable to great ocean liners. There is no present plan to build such a liner, but Mr. Nixon says that once it is proved that a small craft can actually cross the Atlantic in four days it is only a question of time when the big liner will follow.

The machinery in the destroyer that has been planned will weigh, he says, only 210 tons. It will have 12,000 horse-power. He declares that he can produce 30,000 horse-power with only 500 tons weight of engines, including a gas plant, and that only 850 tons of fuel, crude petroleum, will only so tons of fuel, crude petroleum, will be required to make a speed of from 30 to 33 knots for 3,000 miles. He is certain that the gas engine in large boats has passed the experimental stage. Capital, he de-clares, is about to demonstrate this fact. One advantage of this form of propulsion is that there will be no builder, no condens-

s that there will be no boilers, no condens s, no ashes, no pressure on pipe lines, of forced draught blowers, no fuel cost in no forced draught blowers, no fuel cost in keeping up fires for "standing by," no stoking of furnaces and no smoke. The machinery will weigh probably less than one-fourth of the present machinery of steam propelled vessels and will also give much more room for cargo. In the matter of expense for fuel there will be a tremendous saving. Commander A. B. Willits of the navy, an authority on the subject, recently has prepared a paper in which he say

"Steam installation affoat has about reached the upper limit of its efficiency." Supplementing this vesterday Mr. Nixon said: "There is nothing experimental in this applies ion of gas engines to boats. It has all been worked out. The workthat is done on land can be done as well in boats. It is simply a transfer to maritime condi-tions; that is all. The four day liner is in sight, and it won't be many years before she comes."

TWO MRS. ANDREW JOHNSONS. Promoter Must Pay \$20 a Week to His Wife. Who Lives by Sewing.

Justice Truax in the Supreme Court yesterday granted to Emma Lawson Johnson a divorce from Andrew Johnson, a promoter with offices at 141 Broadway. The decree carries with it alimony of \$20 a week. According to the affidavit of Mrs. Johnson Johnson is president of the United Bond and Loan Company of Mexico and of the

and Loan Company of Mexico and of the Little Rock and Northern Railroad Company of Philadelphia.

It was shown on the trial that Johnson has been living with another woman and a child at 286 West Seventieth street. The woman is known as Mrs. Andrew Johnson and the child as Johnson's daughter. Meanwhile his real wife was living not far away at 432 Central Park West, making a living as a seamstress.

BLACK HANDERS CONVICTED. Brooklyn Jury Asks Judge Dike to Impose the Severest Penalty.

A jury in the County Court, Brooklyn. after a few moments deliberation yesterday convicted Felipo Fredanetta and Bolossan Benabene of extorting money from Mrs. Catholino, the owner of a little candy store at 114 Central avenue, by Black Hand methods and asked Judge Dike to impose the "severest penalty of the law" on the defendants. Two threatening letters were sent to the candy shop keeper telling her to deposit money in an old shoe in a vacant lot at Melrose and Flushing avenues. On the advice of the police the money was placed in the shoe on the night of February 13. When the prisoners came and took the money from the shoe they were nabled by the detectives. Benabene,

one of the convicted men, has been in prison

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